
Wastewater Program Governance 1958 - 2007

Metropolitan Water Pollution
Abatement Advisory Committee
October 3, 2007

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- 1956 – Citizens Committee of 75
 - 1957 – Legislature Enables Metropolitan Municipal Corporations
 - Enables performance of six functions
 - MWPAAC part of water pollution function
 - April 1958 – Voters reject activation of transportation, water pollution and comprehensive planning
 - November 1958 – Voters activate water pollution control function
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- 1961 – Initial agreements for sewage disposal
 - 1971 – Legislature expands Metro boundary to include all of King County
 - 1977 – Legislature enables County – Metro merger
 - 1979 – Voters reject merger
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- 1989 – U.S. Supreme Court rules on ACLU v. New York Board of Estimates
 - 1989 - Cunningham v. Metro filed
 - 1990 - King County and Cities meet on regional governance
 - 1990 - Federal Court rules makeup of Metro Council violates U.S. Constitution
 - Court sets April 1, 1992 deadline to revise council selection method
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- April 1991 - First merger vote fails
 - April 1992 – Court rules that only County electeds can vote after April 1, 1993 if Metro Council selection not revised
 - August 1992 – Summit delegates reach consensus on second proposal to votes
 - includes regional committees
 - November 1992 – Voters approve merger
 - 1994 – Metro and County merge
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Regional Committees

- Regional Policy
 - Regional Transit
 - Regional Water Quality
 - All regional committees = Six county councilmembers + six local government electeds
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Regional Water Quality Committee

- Develop, review and recommend ordinances and motions adopting, repealing or amending County wide policies and plans
 - County Council: Phillips, Hague, Constantine, Dunn, Gossett, Lambert
 - Suburban Cities: Pelosa, Davidson, Gustafson, Mullet (Alternates: Clinton and Clawson)
 - Sewer Districts: Canter, Tracy (Alternate: Lind)
 - City of Seattle: Clark and Conlin
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Standing Council Committees

- Committee of the Whole
 - Employment and Administration Committee
 - External Affairs Committee
 - General Government and Labor Relations Committee
 - Law, Justice, & Human Services Committee
 - Transportation Committee
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Standing Council Committee

- Capital Budget Committee
 - Wastewater Capital Program, Bond Issues
 - Growth Management & Natural Resources
 - Intergovernmental Agreements, Grant & Loan Agreements, other Implementing Actions
 - Operating Budget, Fiscal Management, and Mental Health Committee
 - Wastewater Operating Budget, Rates & Charges
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Legislative Process

- Councilmember introduces motion or ordinance
- Referred to appropriate committee by the council
- Committee passes out a recommendation (or doesn't)
- Committee recommendation goes on council agenda for final action